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 For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM,)
 PERSON AUTHENTICATION METHOD, AND)
 PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM)

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RESPONSE TO APRIL 20, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.